



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Committee of The Whole (COTW) Meeting

Wednesday, January 6th, 2021

1. Meeting, Date & Time:

The COTW Meeting of the St. Mary's Municipal Council was called to order on Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

2. Attending:

Warden Wier	Councillor Mailman
Deputy Warden Fuller	Councillor Malloy
Councillor Baker	Councillor Zinck

Also Attending:

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Marissa Jordan, Municipal Clerk & Special Projects Coordinator

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- The CAO asked to add an in-camera session for a legal matter.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council approved the agenda with the following addition:

9d. In-Camera Session- Legal Matters

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council approved the minutes of the COTW Meeting held Wednesday, December 16th, 2020.

Motion approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- No business arising.

7. Correspondence:

a. Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes:

- Staff received an email from the Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes regarding Annual Purple Day on March 26th which is a global event dedicated to promoting Epilepsy Awareness. They thanked Council for their past participation in Purple Day and ask that Council continue to participate in Epilepsy Awareness Month by wearing purple ribbons to show support. Council agreed that they will participate again by wearing purple ribbons.

8. Presentations:

a. Atlantic Gold:

- Dustin O'Leary, Jim Malliard and Laird Brownlie presented on behalf of Atlantic Gold and provided an update to Council. Mr. O'Leary gave an overview of St. Barabra Ltd, as well as an update on the Moose River operations.
- They stated that the Cochran Hill Community Liaison Committee (CLC) is still active via virtual meetings and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to be completed in the 4th quarter of 2024. Their goal is to have the Cochran Hill location open in 2026.

- They asked that Council continue to keep lines of communication open with the company and will provide document updates once they are complete.
- *Please see attached presentation for more details.*
- Council asked how many years the figure for the benefits to the community was over? They stated over the course of the project, which would be six to seven years.
- Council asked what encompasses “local” spending in the figures. Mr. O’Leary said he will find out.
- Council asked how young people in the area could prepare themselves for these potential positions. They stated that there are potential training opportunities that the company is working on for employment for local residents.
- The CAO asked if there was a plan to do additional test drilling before the project starts and they said there is potential for additional drilling when they get into the feasibility level of the project and will do more delineation.
- Council asked how many workers from other mines may come to the Cochrane Hill site. They said that this mine and Beaver mine will be running at the same time, so they will be looking to hire locally.
- The CAO asked if there was a possibility to repurpose some of the tailings to reduce the size of the tailings pond. They said that the tailings will probably remain on site. A dry cover, which is engineered, may be placed over the tailings. The idea for the closure is to create a safe and stable landscape.
- Council asked if there are risks to heavy metals in the air to current residents or future residents and if Atlantic Gold have done any studies in this area. They said that third parties do air dispersion modeling regarding dust impacts of the mine. This would tell them if there was a need for the application of an environmentally safe product that would bring down excess dust. NS Environment monitors this in the other mines as well.
- Council asked when the mine is in full production, what will be the increase in large vehicles in a day. Atlantic Gold said approximately 7-10 return trucks (v-train/tankers/double axel) per day. But they will make a commitment not to haul during the evening. They can also impose slower speed limits on their vehicles.
- Council thanked them for their presentation.

9. Other Matters of Business:

a. Heritage Property By-Law Update- Draft #1:

- At the request of Council, staff reviewed and updated the Municipality’s current Heritage Property By-Law and provided draft #1 to Council for discussion.
- Council discussed and offered no changes and agreed to approve the draft and start the process of adopting the by-law.

On recommendation of Deputy Warden Fuller and seconded by Councillor Baker, Council approve draft #1 of the Heritage Property By-Law.

Recommendation adopted.

b. Date for District 8- Oath of Office:

- Staff recommended to Council that the oath of office for the new councillor of District 8 be January 27th, 2021 at 6:00pm. This date is the soonest date, following the rules set out in the *Municipal Elections Act*, that it can be held and would allow for the new councillor to participate in upcoming MPS and LUB session with Fathom Studios. Council agreed to the date.

c. Interim Report- Inflow & Infiltration Study:

- The CAO gave Council a brief overview of the Interim Report for the Inflow & Infiltration Study. The CAO stated that the next step will be a video inspection of a section of the sewer line. This may be the Sonora Road starting from the #7 highway due to extra surface water in this area. The company will then take information from the analysis and make recommendations, including financial impacts, for a plan that can

be implemented. This should be done by March 31st, 2021 to take advantage of funding within the current fiscal.

- Council expressed concern that no manholes were checked within the Historic Sherbrooke Village and asked that a few of them be checked to ensure there are no issues in that section of the system. The CAO agreed that choosing a few strategic ones to inspect would be beneficial and will discuss with the company.

d. In-session- Legal Matters:

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller, Council moved into an in-camera session for legal matters at 7:54pm.

Motion approved.

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Zinck, Council reconvened to regular session at 8:55pm.

Motion approved.

10. Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Mailman and seconded by Deputy Warden Fuller there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 8:56pm.

Motion approved.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved By
Warden Wier